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FOR THE YEAR 1972.

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To: The Chairman and Members of the
Urban District Council of Raunds.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In accordance with my statutory duty as your Medical Officer of Health, I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the Environmental Health of the Urban District for the year 1972.

This report has been compiled on the instructions set out in the Department of Health and Social Security Circular No. 1/73 which was received on January 5th, 1973.

The Vital Statistics for the District are set out on Page 5 and do not, I think, require special comment but it is satisfactory to note that no Stillbirths and no deaths classed to Pregnancy and Childbirth occurred during 1972.

The incidence of Infectious Disease was extremely low, only two cases of Whooping Cough being notified.

On May 25th, information was received that foreign necklaces had been imported, mainly from Africa, the beads of which contained a toxic poison i.e. Abrin.

A check was accordingly made on Fancy-goods and Toy Shops and Head Teachers were apprised of the situation. Thirty strings of these beads were found in various places throughout Northamptonshire Health Division No. 2 and arrangements were made for their destruction by incineration.

An outbreak of Smallpox occurred in Yugoslavia in March and a circular letter was sent to each General Practitioner in the area advising vaccination against Smallpox for persons travelling to Yugoslavia.

Also in March, I was informed that instances of illegal dumping of Cyanide Waste within the County had recently come to light. This is a dangerous and illegal practice and the Public Health Inspectorate satisfied themselves that no dumping of this kind had taken place on Council or privately owned tips in this County District.

Work was started on the construction of the new Sewage Disposal Works in July. Members will recall that the New Works is required because the existing arrangements at both Raunds and Stanwick are outdated and overloaded. It is expected that the construction will be completed in about two years at a cost of £500,000.

The Members will remember that the Council held a pleasant party at the Windmill School in November to celebrate the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the formation of the Council and I must express my thanks for being invited to be present at this function where I had the opportunity of meeting many more local residents.

Mr. R. A. Smith was appointed an Additional Public Health Inspector on 1st March. This appointment is most welcome and was indeed essential in view of the fact that the population of the town has increased by over 1,000 persons in the last five years.

I must once again thank the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their support during the year and Mr. Potter and Miss Langley for their help in preparing this Report.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

F.R.N. LYNCH,
Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

Comparative Statistics for the Five Year Period 1968 to 1972

	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Area of the Urban District (acres)	6,483	6,483	6,483	6,483	6,483
Population (Registrar General's Estimate)	5,190	5,370	5,470	6,040	6,370
Number of Live Births	128	110	113	133	132
Legitimate	124	102	107	126	119
Illegitimate	4	8	6	7	13
Birth Rate per 1,000 population	24.7	20.5	20.7	22.0	20.7
Number of Stillbirths	3	1	1	1	-
Legitimate	3	1	1	1	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-	-	-
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total births	23.0	9.0	8.8	7.4	-
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 population	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.2	-
Number of Deaths	70	76	70	68	88
Death rate per 1,000 population	13.5	14.2	12.8	11.3	13.8
Deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion	-	-	-	-	-
Number of Infant Deaths	-	3	2	4	4
Infant Mortality rate per 1,000 Live Births	-	27.0	17.7	30.0	30.3
Neonatal Mortality rate per 1,000 Live Births	-	18.0	8.8	15.0	15.1
Early Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births	-	18.0	8.8	15.0	15.1
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total Live and Stillbirths)	22.9	27.0	17.5	22.4	15.1
Deaths from all forms of Tuberculosis including late effects	-	-	-	-	-
Deaths from Respiratory Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-
Deaths from Malignant Neoplasms	17	13	15	15	13
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	-	-	-	-	-
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	-	-	-	-	-
Deaths from Enteritis and Diarrhoea under two years of age	-	-	-	-	-
Deaths from Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	-	-	-	-	-
Natural increase in population i.e. increase of Births over Deaths	58	34	43	65	44

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

Area (acres)	6,483
Population 1961 (Census)	4,570
1971 (Census)	5,945
1972 (Registrar General's Mid-year estimate)	6,370
Number of inhabited houses 1961 (Census)	1,650
1971	2,327
1972	2,431
Rateable Value	£187,618
Sum represented by Penny Rate	£ 1,765

The Urban District of Raunds, which includes the parish of Stanwick, covers an area of 6,483 acres, and the density of population is 0.9 persons per acre. The Housing Factor is 2.6 persons per house.

The chief occupations of the inhabitants are as follows:-

Tanning, the manufacture of footwear, clothing, plastic containers, and the processing of animal food.

The social conditions of the district are satisfactory and at the end of the year the Rate of unemployment in the area was 0.76% of the working population. The National Rate was 3.5 per cent.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS, 1972

	Males	Females	Total
LIVE BIRTHS			
Legitimate	71	48	119
Illegitimate	7	6	13
Total	78	54	132
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population			20.7
Adjusted Birth Rate (Comparability Factor 0.90)			18.6
STILLBIRTHS			
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-
Rate per 1,000 total births (live and still)			-
DEATHS			
Number registered all causes	43	45	88
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population... ...			13.8
Adjusted Death Rate (Comparability Factor 0.87)... ...			12.0
DEATHS FROM CERTAIN SPECIFIED CAUSES			
Cardio-vascular Disease (all forms).	15	22	37
Malignant Neoplasms (all forms)	8	5	13
Cerebrovascular Disease	6	7	13
Diseases of Respiratory System	6	-	6
DEATHS FROM MATERNAL CAUSES			-
DEATHS OF INFANTS (under 1 year)	4	-	4
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births			30.3
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate live births ...			25.2
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate live births ...			77.0
DEATH OF INFANTS (under 4 weeks)	2	-	2
Neonatal Mortality Rate			15.1
Early Neonatal Mortality Rate			15.1
Perinatal Mortality Rate			15.1

List No.	Cause of Death	Sex	All Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & Under 1 Year	Age in Years								
						1 - 4	5 - 14	15 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65 - 74	75 and over
B19(2)	Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	M	[illegible]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B19(3)	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
		F	[illegible]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
B19(4)	Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	M	[illegible]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
		F	[illegible]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B19(6)	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B19(7)	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		F	[illegible]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
B19(11)	Other Malignant Neoplasms	M	[illegible]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B21	Diabetes Mellitus	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
B46(2)	Other Diseases of Blood, etc.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B46(3)	Mental Disorders	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		F	[illegible]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B24	Meningitis	M	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B26	Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
B27	Hypertensive Disease	M	[illegible]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
		F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
B28	Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	2
		F	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	6
B29	Other Forms of Heart Disease	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
		F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4
B30	Cerebrovascular Disease	M	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4
		F	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6
B46(6)	Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	[illegible]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
		F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
B32	Pneumonia	M	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B33(I)	Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B36	Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B46(9)	Other Diseases, Genito-urinary System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		F	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
B46(11)	Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	M	[illegible]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B42	Congenital Anomalies	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		F	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B43	Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	M	[illegible]	[illegible]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B44	Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	M	[illegible]	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		F	[illegible]	-	-	-	[illegible]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BE47	Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
BE48	All Other Accidents	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
TOTAL ALL CAUSES		M	43	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	8	11	19
		F	45	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	4	10	28

COMMENTS ON VITAL STATISTICS

1. POPULATION:- The Registrar General's mid-year estimate of population i.e. 30 June 1972, is 6,370. The corresponding figure for 1971 was 6,040 giving an increase of 330 in the twelve months.

2. BIRTHS:- There were 132 live births in 1972, which is a decrease of one in the number registered for the previous year. This gives a Crude Birth Rate of 20.7 per 1,000 population. The corresponding figure for 1971 was 22.0.

It will be apparent that the Birth Rate and Death Rate in any place is influenced by the age and sex distribution of the population so that in order that more exact comparisons can be made between one area and another the actual Rate is multiplied by a number called the Comparability Factor, the result being known as the Adjusted, or Corrected Rate. These Comparability Factors are supplied by the Registrar General and are based on the age and sex distribution as shown by the Census. For Raunds the Birth Rate Comparability Factor is 0.90 and the Corrected Birth Rate standardised on the basis of age and sex composition therefore gives the Adjusted Rate of 18.6. The Adjusted Rate of 18.6 compares with 26.0 for 1971 and the Provisional Crude Rate for England and Wales of 14.8.

3. DEATHS:- There were 88 deaths from all causes in 1972. The figure for last year was 68 and the corresponding Crude Death Rates are 12.0 and 11.3. In the same way as described in the case of 2 BIRTHS, above, the Death Rate is standardised by the use of a further Comparability Factor. Its value for RAUNDS is 0.87 and the Adjusted Death Rate corrected by means of this calculation is found to be 12.0 The Provisional Crude Rate for England and Wales as a whole is reckoned by the Registrar General to be 12.1.

4. DISPOSAL OF THE DEAD:- Of the 88 deaths during the year, 64 bodies were disposed of by cremation at Kettering Crematorium, giving a percentage of 72.7.

5. INFANT MORTALITY:- There were four deaths of infants under one year of age. The Infant Mortality Rate was 30.3 per 1,000 live births. The rate in 1971 was 30.0. The corresponding Infant Mortality Rate for England and Wales as a whole is 17.0. Two deaths occurred in the first month of life. This method of expression is referred to as the Neonatal Mortality and the rate for 1972 is 15.1 per 1,000 live births. The current Rate for England and Wales is 12.0. I append details of the causes and other particulars concerning the deaths.

Age	Sex	Cause of Death
5 minutes	M	Neonatal Asphyxia. Antepartum Haemorrhage. Placental Separation. Lower Segment Caesarean Section.
1 hour	M	Pulmonary Atelectasis. Prematurity.
2 months	M	Virus Pneumonia. (Autopsy).
4 months	M	Congenital Heart Failure. Artrio-Ventricular Canal Defect. Post Meningitic Subdural Effusion. Pneumonia.

6. STILLBIRTHS:- There were no Stillbirths registered in the District. There was one in 1971 and the rate was 7.4 per 1,000 total births. The Rate for England and Wales is 12.0.

7. MATERNAL DEATHS:- There were no deaths classed to pregnancy and childbirth.

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

In subsequent sections, full details will be found relating to infectious diseases and environmental health within the Urban District, for which the Council is directly responsible.

The present section relates to those health services which concern the personal health and welfare of the individual rather than public health and the community. The Health Committee of the Northamptonshire County Council is responsible for administration of some of these services under Part III of the National Health Service Act.

Liaison between County Council services and District Council services is facilitated by the fact that your Medical Officer of Health is also a School Medical Officer and Assistant County Medical Officer.

LABORATORY FACILITIES - The Department of Pathology, Kettering and District General Hospital is available for the examination of specimens in connection with the diagnosis and control of Infectious Disease. Two faeces specimens were examined during the year.

AMBULANCE SERVICES - This is one of the services for which the County Council is responsible, and the area is adequately covered.

DOMICILIARY SERVICES - These include District Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors, who are all highly trained, qualified nurses on the staff of the County Medical Officer. The Home Help Service, also provided by the County Council, is proving more and more valuable in relieving people of domestic worries during periods of illness or confinement, and in helping old folks to remain in their own homes, so that they can retain their treasured independence.

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION AND OUT-PATIENT FACILITIES - The Oxford Regional Hospital Board is responsible for these services, a list of which is as follows:-

General Hospitals - Northampton and Kettering

Wellingborough - Wellingborough Hospital - Gynaecological
Highfield Hospital - Acute medical and skin cases also children
Isebrook Hospital - General medicine, paediatrics, geriatrics, long stay and maternity.

Out-patient facilities are available at the General Hospitals and also as follows:-

RUSHDEN HOSPITAL

Chest (Diagnosis)	Wednesday	1.30 p.m
Thoracic Surgery	Thursday (once monthly)	1.45 p.m.

RUSHDEN MEMORIAL CLINIC

Dermatology	Thursday	9.30 a.m.
Diabetic	Monday (1st)	2.00 p.m.
Ear, Nose and Throat	Wednesday (alternate)	9.30 a.m.
	Wednesday (alternate)	2.00 p.m.
General Surgery	Tuesday (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th)	2.00 p.m.
	Friday (2nd & 4th)	9.30 a.m.
	Friday (1st, 3rd & 5th)	2.30 p.m.
Geriatric	Friday (2nd, 4th & 5th)	2.00 p.m.
Gynaecology & Obstetrics	Monday (except last of month)	10.00 a.m.
	Tuesday (alternate)	9.00 a.m.
	Wednesday (alternate)	2.00 p.m.
Gynaecology	Thursday	10.00 a.m.
Laboratory Facilities	By arrangement Monday to Friday	
Medical Clinic	Monday (2nd & 4th)	1.30 p.m.
	Tuesday (alternate)	9.30 a.m.
	Friday (1st, 3rd & 5th)	9.00 a.m.
Ophthalmology	Thursday	9.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.
Orthopaedic	Friday (4th)	2.30 p.m.
Paediatrics	Monday	2.00 p.m.
	Wednesday	9.00 a.m.
Physical Medicine	Monday	2.00 p.m.
	Friday (alternate)	2.00 p.m.
(Treatment)	Monday	9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.
	Wednesday	9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.
	Friday	9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.
Psychiatry	Thursday	2.00 p.m.

Attendance at all Clinics is by appointment only.

Venereal Disease Clinics:-

Out-patient Department, Kettering General Hospital:-

(Women)	Tuesday	4 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.
(Men)	Tuesday	5.30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Northampton General Hospital; Old Out-Patient Department:-

(Men)	Wednesday	2 - 3 p.m.
	Friday	5 - 6.30 p.m.
(Women)	Monday	5.15 - 6.30 p.m.
	Friday	2.15 - 3.30 p.m.

CHILD HEALTH CLINICS - This service is provided by the County Council and is held at the Brook Street Methodist Church on the first Friday of each month. Stanwick is served by the Mobile Clinic on the first Tuesday of each month.

RELAXATION CLASSES FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS - Brook Street Methodist Church - Wednesday 2 p.m.

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION - Immunisation against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis and vaccination against Smallpox are free services, available either from the Family Doctor or at the County Child Health Clinics. Certain age-groups of children can also be given B.C.G. vaccination to protect against Tuberculosis; this is done through the School Health Service. A vaccine for the protection of infants against Measles is available and, in accordance with the policy of the County Health Department, a campaign for the control of, and, it is hoped, ultimate eradication of this disease, was commenced in the Autumn of 1968.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS 1948 AND 1951, SECTION 47 - These Acts give Local Authorities powers to enable them to deal expeditiously with certain cases of persons in need of care and attention which they are unable to provide for themselves and are not receiving from other people.

No formal action was taken under this Section of these Acts during 1972.

MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICE - The Women's Royal Voluntary Service arranges for the delivery of "Meals on Wheels" twice a week in appropriate cases. At the present time 30 meals are supplied each week and during the year the total number of meals delivered was 1,308.

SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply:- The Nene and Ouse Water Board supply water throughout the District and seventy-eight samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory Service for bacteriological examination during the year and the results confirmed the wholesomeness of the supply for domestic purposes.

Three properties in the District were found to be supplied with water from wells, but only two of these were occupied.

Quite a number of surface wells and soft water tanks, which originally provided domestic water, have been retained by householders who prefer to use the softer water from these sources for household washing.

Fluoride:- The Fluoride content of all the raw water is 0.2 parts per 1,000,000: this is reduced to 0.1 parts per 1,000,000 after filtration and chlorination.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal:- As reported last year, both the Sewage Disposal Works at Raunds and Stanwick are outdated and overloaded but a start was made in July on the construction of a new Works on the Raunds site which it is estimated will cost £500,000. The scheme includes for the abandonment of the Stanwick Works and the provision of a new pumping station and main which will transfer the sewerage from the village to the Raunds site for treatment. Construction work will continue for approximately two years.

In the meantime, every effort is being made to utilise the available treatment processes at the two existing Works and to avoid any unnecessary pollution of the River Nene.

House Refuse Collection:- A weekly domestic house refuse collection service has been maintained, the bins being removed from the rear of the premises. Following recent legislation on the subject, large items of domestic refuse which cannot normally be taken on the weekly round are removed by a special collection, provided that they are placed within the curtilage of the property near to the highway boundary. The refuse tip at Stanwick is made available for householders to dispose of unwanted materials on Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoons weekly.

Rodent Control:- The Council uses the services of one of the Council workmen on two half-days per week. This operative has been trained in the use of rat poisons and he is most enthusiastic in this work.

A free service is given to owners and occupiers of properties in the District and a regular check is made and treatment carried out if necessary at both the Sewage Disposal Works, the refuse tip and upon main watercourses in the District.

Factories Act 1961:- There are twenty factories in the District to which twenty-four visits of inspection were made during the year. There are seven "outworkers" in the District all of whom are engaged in the making or cleaning of wearing apparel.

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1961, insofar as this District is concerned, are to be found at the end of the Report.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963:- Twenty-seven premises remained registered under this Act:-

Class of premises	Number	Persons employed
Offices	8	24
Retail shops	15	70
Wholesale shops and warehouses	2	7
Catering establishments	2	6
	27	107

A total of fifty-six visits was made during the year and the premises were generally found to be satisfactory.

Common Lodging House:- There are none within the District.

SECTION D

HOUSING

The building programme for the year was as follows:-

Number of Council Houses completed during the year	18
Number of Council flats completed during the year	-
Number of Council houses under construction at the end of the year	16
Number of private houses completed during the year	71
Number of the private houses under construction at the end of the year	34
Number of unfit houses presented for Clearance or Demolition in 1972	-
Grants issued for conversion or improvement	23

SECTION E

Food and Drugs Act, 1955:-

Milk Supply:- There are no producer-retailers of milk within the Urban District.

The Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regulations, 1963:- There are no pasteurisation plants within the Urban District.

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1970:- There are forty-two premises in the area concerned with the handling of food:-

Grocery	10
Greengrocery	2
Grocery/Greengrocery Combined	5
Butchers	5
Cafes	-
Public Houses	5
Licensed Clubs	3
Premises preparing food	2
School Canteens	1
Slaughterhouses	3
Confectioners	4
Fried Fish Shops	2

A total of seventy-one visits were made to food premises and in general they were found to be satisfactory.

Poultry Inspection:- There are no poultry processing premises within the District.

Meat Inspection:- There are three slaughterhouses in the District.

Number of visits to slaughterhouses	292
Number of animals slaughtered and inspected	3753

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR PART

	Beasts	Pigs	Sheep	Calves	Horses
Number slaughtered	304	2075	1372	2	-
Number inspected	304	2075	1372	2	-
All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:					
Whole carcases condemned	-	4	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	49	253	18	1	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	16.11%	12.19%	1.04%	50%	-
Tuberculosis only:					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	19	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	0.91%	-	-	-
Cysticercosis only:	-	-	-	-	-

Bakehouses:- There are no bakehouses within the District

Food and Drugs Act, 1955 - Report of the Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures

The following details relate to samples taken in the Urban District during the twelve months ended 31 March 1973:-

Milks	20
Fish Fingers	2
Spirits	7
Evaporated Milk ...	2
Yoghurt	2
Soft drinks	2
Total	35

Remarks: It is pleasing again to be able to report that all the samples which were taken in the Urban District during the period under review were found to be satisfactory as regards composition and description.

Weights and Measures Act, 1963

4,987 articles were checked for weight or measure during the period under review and of these twenty were found to be deficient and five were incorrect in other respects. The errors were not of a serious nature and were dealt with by advice or caution to the traders concerned.

SECTION F

THE PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Health Services and Public Health Act, 1968
Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations
Notification of Food Poisoning and Infectious Diseases

The Infectious Diseases to be notified to the Medical Officer of Health are:-

Acute Encephalitis
Acute Meningitis
Acute Poliomyelitis
Anthrax
Cholera
Diphtheria
Dysentery (Amoebic or Bacillary)
Food Poisoning or Suspected Food Poisoning
Infective Jaundice
Leprosy
Leptospirosis
Malaria
Measles
Ophthalmia Neonatorum
Paratyphoid Fever
Plague
Relapsing Fever
Scarlet Fever
Smallpox
Tetanus
Tuberculosis
Typhoid Fever
Typhus
Whooping Cough
Yellow Fever

Responsibility for notifying a case or suspected case of Food Poisoning or Infectious Disease rests exclusively on the Medical Practitioner attending the patient unless he believes that another practitioner has already notified the case.

The number of Infectious Diseases notified during the year was two, this is the same as last year.

MEASLES:- No cases were notified.

DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH AND TETANUS:- Routine immunisation of infants under one year of age with Triple Antigen has again shown its efficacy in preventing these diseases.

Immunisation is carried out either by the Family Doctor or at the County Health Department's Clinics.

WHOOPING COUGH:- Two cases (brother and sister) were notified in September.

POLIOMYELITIS:- This is the fourth disease which is prevented by routine immunisation in infancy. This is again done either by the Family Doctor or at the Health Department's Clinics. No cases occurred.

GASTRO-INTESTINAL DISEASES:- There have been no cases of Gastro-Intestinal disease due to Dysenteric organisms or Salmonellosis.

LEPROSY:- The Public Health (Leprosy) Regulations, 1966 came into force on 1 March 1966.

Under these Regulations, cases of Leprosy are now notifiable to the District Medical Officer of Health. No notifications of Leprosy were received.

SMALLPOX:- There were no cases.

TUBERCULOSIS:- No notifications of Tuberculosis were received during the year. One name was removed from the Register being now healed. There were no deaths classed to Tuberculosis.

DANGEROUS NECKLACE BEADS:- On 26 May, information was received that foreign necklaces had been imported, the beads of which contain an extremely toxic poison i.e. Abrin.

A check was accordingly made on Fancy-goods and Toy shops and Head Teachers were apprised of the situation.

The "beads" are really berries of the Vine, Abrus Precatorius which is native to Asia, Africa and Mexico. The colour of the beads is red with black spots on the surface giving a 'Ladybird' appearance.

Thirty strings of these beads were found in various places throughout the Area of Health Division No. 2 and arrangements were made for their destruction by incineration.

SECTION G

THE FACTORIES ACT

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities.	20	24	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises.	-	-	-	-
Total	20	24	-	-

2 - CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Number of Cases in which Defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of Out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1)(c)	No. of Cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwhole-some premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing Apparel	7	-	-	-	-	-
Stuffed Toys	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	7	-	-	-	-	-